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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 11-20 are pending. By the present amendment, claim 11 has been amended for clarity. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Without acquiescing in the rejection, Claim 11 has been amended for clarity. Accordingly, the rejection will be discussed with respect to the claims, as amended.

Without acquiescing in the rejection, and in an attempt to more clearly define the subject matter of the claims, the term "arranged to determine . . . status value" in claim 11 has been deleted, and replaced by the expression "being put into an active state if one of the temporary buffers is empty, and if one of the temporary buffers is not empty being put into an inactive state." This rewritten phrase is fully supported by the instant specification. See, for example, page 21, line 19 - page 22, line 4 describing that a status buffer means has an activated state if one of its respective buffers is empty, and the status buffer means having an inactive state when all the buffers are full of data.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully traversed. Without acquiescing in the rejection, Claim 11 has been amended

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for clarity. Accordingly, the rejection will be discussed with respect to the claims, as amended.

Without acquiescing in the rejection, the phrase "alternating two-phase manner" has been deleted. Claim 11 now recites that the scheduling module for the operating system arranged to read said status values and to <u>alternatively</u> feed the video and audio buffers with data. This recitation is clearly supported by the specification. See, for example, page 24, lines 3-17, which describes the multitasking operation between the audio task and the display task. The display task is assigned with the highest priority and is used without affecting the audio processing. During the audio processing by the audio reproduction means, the display task transfers video data to one of the video buffers while the audio reproduction means is waiting for the following transfer of audio data, e.g., alternatively, or in an alternating manner.

Accordingly, the rejection is overcome, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, and there being no art rejections in the outstanding Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner deem that further issues require resolution prior to

allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the

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